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CENSUS OF KINGS COUNTY; ABOUT 1698.

A LIST OF ALL THE FREEHOLDERS THEIR WIVES CHILDREN APPRENTICES AND SLAVES WITHIN THE KINGS COUNTY ON NASSAUW ISLAND.

[NOTE.—*E* affixed to the name, means *English; F French.*]

IN THE TOWN OF BROOKLAND.

	Men.	*Wo.*	*Ch.*	*App.*	*Sla.*
Adriaen Bennet	1	2	4	..	..
Jacob Bennet	1	1	..	..	..
Jan Bennet	1	1	2	1	..
Simon Aerson	1	1	12	..	2
Wouter van Pelt	1	1	4	2	1
Christopher Schaers	1	..	..	..	..
Claes van Dyck	1	2	5	..	1
Maria Van Dyck	..	1	..	..	..
Achias Van Dyck	1	1	7	1	..
Jan Pieterse	1	2	2	..	..
Volkert Bries	1	2	2	..	..
Geertie Bries	..	1	..	..	..
Jacobus Van DeWater	1	1	3	..	..
Cornelis Van DeWater	1	..	..	..	..
Jan Buys	1	2	1	..	..
Cornelis Poulisse	1	1	1	..	..
Cornelis Slegt	1	1	..	3	..
Joannes Slegt	1	..	..	..	..
Cornelis Van Duyn	1	2	3	0	..
Thomas Verdon	1	2	..	..	4
Jan Bennet	1	1	5	..	2
Willem Bennet	1	1	5	2	..
Willem Brouwer	1	1	2	2	..
Jacob Hansen Bergen	1	1	6	..	2
Cornelis Snebring	1	1	8	..	2
Catharina Hendrikse	..	1	..	..	..
Dirck Woertman	1	1	2	..	4
Jan Gerritz Couwenhoven	1	1	3	..	..
Robert Everden (*E*)	1	1	..	1	1
Jan Arison	1	1	3	..	7
Latitie Smith (*E*)	..	1	..	..	..
Stoffel Hooghlandt	1	1	..	..	..
Joris Jacobse	1	1	..	..	4
Harmen Jorisse	1	1	2	1	..
Jan Woertman	1	1	4	..	1
Juriaen Andriesse	1	..	..	..	..
Jurian Bries	1	1	4	..	..
Joannes Janse	1	3	3	..	..
Barent Sleght	1	1	2	1	..
Margaret Dolstan (*E*)	..	1	2	..	2
Elsie Sleght	..	1	2	..	..
Jacobis Beauvois	1	1	5	..	..
Thomas Knight (*E*)	1	1	1	..	..
Magdalena fardon	..	1	..	..	..
Joris Hansen Bergen	1	1	11	..	2

	Men.	Wo.	Ch.	App.	Sa.
Jan Fredrickse	1	1	7	..	..
Grietie Jansen	..	1	..	..	..
Griet Middag	1	1	3	..	2
Jan Janse Staast	1	1	8	..	..
Pieter Gerbrantse	1	1	..	1	..
Pieter Janse Staast	1	1	4	..	..
Cornelis Jorisse Bouman	1	1	1	..	..
Mighiel hanse Bergen	1	1	3	..	2
Jacob Brouwer	1	1	6	..	..
Adam Brouwer	1	1	4	..	..
Claes Vechten	1	1	..	..	..
Hendrick Vechten	1	1	4	..	3
Jan Cornelisse Damen	1	1	4	..	1
Gerret Middag	1	1	3	..	2
Samuel Berry	1	1	3	..	1
Gerrit Couwenhoven	1	1	3	1	..
Abraham Van Duyn	1	2	2	..	..
Judith Van Este	0	1	3	2	1
Annetie Rapaillé	..	1	..	..	..
Jeronimus Rapaillé	1	1	6	..	2
Teunis Rapaillé	1	1	1	..	..
Daniel Rapaillé	1	1	5	..	3
Jannetie Remse	..	2	2	..	..
Abraham Remse	1	1	2	..	1
Gysbert Bogaert	1	2	5	..	1
Teunis Bogaert	1	..	..	..	..
Neeltie Rapaillé	..	2	1	..	1
Jacob Cousseau (*F*)	1	1	1	..	..
Jacob Buys	1	2	4	..	..
Matthys Cornelisse	1	1	5	..	..
Anthony Coesaer	1	1	1	1	..
Tys Lubbertz	1	1	4	..	..
Lysbeth Tysen	..	1	3	..	..
fraas Abrahamse	1	..	2	1	..
Lambert Andriesse	1	2	1	..	..
Cornelis Vanderhöef	1	1	3	..	2
Thomas Lamberts	1	..	..	..	1
Direk Tyssen	1	1	..	1	..
Isaac Mennist	1	1	1	..	..
Hendk Hendrickse	1	1	1	..	1
Jeronimus Remse	1	1	..	2	3
Jan Gerritz Dorlant	1	1	3	1	..
Gerret Sprong	1	1	5	..	..
Barbara Luycas	..	1	..	..	3
Clars Barentz Blom	1	2	4	..	..
Jan Bibon	1	1	6	1	..
Benja Van De Waeter	1	2	3	1	..
[Ought to be 78 Men & 102 Wo:]	77	101	240	26	65

IN THE TOWN OF BOSWICK.

Pieter Janse Wit	1	..	1	..	5
Dorothea Verschuur	..	1	1	1	3
Joos Duré (*F*)	1	1	..	..	..
Albert Hendrickse	1	3	4	..	..
Hendrick Willemse	1	..	3	..	..
Abraham Detooy (*F*)	1	1	..	..	..
Jannetse Schamp	..	1	6	..	..
Jan Sevenhooven	1	..	2	..	..
David Sprong	1	1	2	..	..
Phillip Volkertsz	1	1	2	..	..
Pieter Willemse	1	1	2	..	..
Jacobus Looyse	1	1	1	2	..
Auke Reynierse	1	1	1	1	..
Jochem Verschuur	1	1	2	..	1
Willem West (*E*)	1	1	2	..	..
Nicholaes Brouwer	1	1	1	1	..

	Men.	Wo.	Chi.	App.	Sla.
Gabriel Sprong	1	1	3	..	..
Pieter Looyse	1	1	6	..	..
Lourens Hook	2	1	6	..	..
Joos Duré Senior *(F)*	1	1	6	..	2
Michiel Parmentier *(F)*	2	1	5	..	2
Pieter Usilla	1	1	4	..	..
ffredrick Symonse	1	1	3	..	2
hendk Jansz Van Amesfoort	1	1	3	..	..
Jan Muserol *(F)*	1	1	..	..	..
Cornelis Looyse	2	1	6	..	..
Jacob Bibon *(F)*	1	1	..	..	3
Jan Muserol Junior *(F)*	2	1	5	..	3
Thomas Baudé *(F)*	1	1	2	..	..
Anna fontain	..	1	4	..	3
Hendricus De Foreest	1	1	6	..	1
Theunis Woertman	1	1	2	..	3
Barent Gerritz Vlasbeek	1	1	..	..	..
Anna Volkertse	..	1	8	..	2
Dirck Volkertze	1	1	3	..	2
Pieter Pra	1	1	6	..	8
Humphry Clay *(E)*	1	2	1	..	6
Abraham Brouwer	1	1	2	2	..
Alexandre Coquer *(F)*	1	1	6	..	..
Jurian Coljer	2	2	3	..	..
Jean Lescuier *(F)*	3	2	1	..	..
Juriaen Nagel	1	1	5	..	5
Charles fontaine *(F)*	2	1	4	..	1
Catelyntie Cats	..	1	3	..	..
Hendrick Janse	2	1	6	1	..
Arent Andriesse	1	1	2	..	..
Dirck Andriesse	1	1	..	..	..
	51	49	141	8	52

IN THE TOWN OF NEW VTRECHT.

Pieter Corteljau	1	1	4	..	3
Jacques Corteljau	1	1	6	..	2
Adriaen Lane	1	1	2	..	1
Jan Van Cleef	1	1	4	..	..
Gerret Coerten	1	1	4	..	..
Barent Joosten	1	1	1	..	1
Mynart Kourten	1	1	2	..	5
Aert Van Pelt	1	1	5	0	1
Hendk Matthyse	1	1	4	..	1
Joannes Smack	1	1	..	..	..
Cornelis Van Dyck	1	1	4	..	..
Jan Van Dyck	1	1	5	..	1
Gysbert Tysse	1	1	7	..	1
Jacob Verdon	1	1	7	..	..
Abraham Willemse	1	1	..	..	1
Pieter Tysse	1	1	5	..	..
Gerret Cornelisse	1	1	2	..	4
Cornelis Auke	1	1	7	..	..
Thomas Tierckse	1	1	4	..	..
Susanna —— ——	..	1	4	..	..
Harman Gerritse	1	1	..	..	..
Dirck Van Zutphen	1	1	8	..	3
Lawrens Jansen	1	1	3	..	2
Willem Berkeloo	1	1	1	..	..
Denys Teunisse	1	1	5	..	5
Cornelis Van Brunt	1	1	6	..	6
Andries Jansen	1	1	5	..	..
Hendrick Jansen	1	1	1	..	..
Cryn Jansen	1	1	4	..	..
Jan Verkerk	1	1	2	..	1
Joos De Bane	1	1	4	..	..
Rut Joosten Van Brunt	1	1	..	..	5

	Men.	Wo.	Chi.	App.	Sla
Joost Van Brunt	1	1	1	..	4
Anthony Van Pelt	1	1	6	..	..
Teunis Van Pelt	1	1	..	..	2
Matthys Smack	1	..	..	..	..
Paulus Eigo	1	..	..	..	..
Joannes Swart	1	1	4	..	..
Joannes Eigo	1	1	3	..	..
Pieter Van Deventer	1	1	4	..	..
	39	38	134	..	48

IN THE TOWN OF FFLATLANDS als NEW AMESFOORT.

Gerret Elbert Stoothof	1	1	7	..	4
Jan Teunisz Dykhuys	1	1	3	..	5
Roelof Martense	1	1	4	..	4
Coert Stevense	1	1	3	..	2
Gerret Wykhof	1	1	3	..	1
Hendk Wykhof	1	1	..	..	2
Dirk Jantz Amerman	1	1	7	..	..
Andriaen Kenne	5	1	2	..	..
Dirck Langestraet	1	1	3	..	..
Jan Kiersen	1	1	..	..	1
Alexandr Simson *(E)*	1	3	6	..	..
Jan Hansen	1	1	3	..	..
Pieter Nevius	1	1	7	..	1
Jacob Tysse Lane	1	1	4	..	..
Helena Aertsen	2	1	2	..	..
Simon Jantz Van Aersdaelen	2	3	..	..	1
Cornelis Simontz Van Aersdaelen	1	1	6	..	1
Willem Gerrittz Van Couvenhoven	1	1	6	..	..
Aernout Viele	1	1	..	..	2
Jan Alberttz ter heunen	1	1	6	..	2
Jan Brouwer	2	1	5	..	1
Thonis Jantz Amak	1	1	5	..	..
fferdinando Van Sigelen	1	1	5	..	4
Claes Wykhof	1	1	6	..	..
Jan Wykhof	1	1	2	..	1
Willem Bruynen	1	..	..	..	..
Adriaen Langestraet	1	..	..	..	..
Lucas Stevense	3	2	7	..	4
Pieter Pieterse	1	..	..	..	..
Hendrick Brouwer	1	..	..	..	..
Albert Amerman	1	..	..	..	..
Pieter Van Couvenhoven	1	1	2	..	..
Marten Schenck	1	1	3	..	2
Jan Stevense	1	2	9	..	1
Pieter Monfoor	2	2	4	..	1
Steven Coerten	1	1	3	..	..
Rutgert Bruyn	1	1	7	..	..
	47	39	130	..	40

IN THE TOWN OF GRAVESEND.

James Hubbard *(E)*	2	2	2	..	..
Cornelis Van Cleef	1	1	2	..	..
The Widow Strycker	..	1	8	..	1
Jochem Gulick	1	1	9	..	..
Willem Willemse	1	1	..	..	..
Nicholas Stilwill *(E)*	1	1	7	..	1
John Poland *(E)*	1	1	5	..	..
Isaac Haselbury *(E)*	1	1	3	..	..
Elias Stilwill *(E)*	1	1	..	..	..
Joseph Golder *(E)*	1	1	1	..	..
Abraham Emmans *(E)*	1	1	3	1	..
William Williamson	1	1	8	..	..
The Widdow Barentse	..	1	6	..	..

	Men.	Wo.	Chi.	App.	Sla.
Rymer Van Sigelen	1	1	4	1	1
Margaret Simson	..	1	..	..	..
Stoffel Romeyn	1	1	9	..	1
Barent Juriaense	1	1	6	1	..
Andrew Emmans	1	1	3	..	..
Cornelis Buys	1	1	3	..	..
Anthony Powland (E)	1	1	1	..	..
Thomas Craven (E)	1	1	4	..	..
John Emmans (E)	1	1	3	..	1
John Lake (E)	1	1	8	..	1
The Widdow Martentz	..	1	7	..	1
John Grigs Junir (E)	2	1	7	..	..
John Grigs Senior (E)	1	..	..	..	4
Anne Lake	..	1	..	..	..
Samuel Gerrittz	1	1	1	..	..
Jeremiah Stilwill (E)	1	1	4	..	3
Nicholas Stilwill (E)	1	1	4	1	2
John Simmons (E)	1	1	2	..	..
Albert Koerten	1	1	4	1	1
John Mash (E)	1	..	..	1	..
Lubbert Gerrittz	1	..	..	..	..
	31	32	124	6	17

IN THE TOWN OF FFLATBUSH als MIDWOUT.

Henry fillkin (E)	1	1	3	..	..
Joseph Hegeman	1	1	4	..	5
Stoffel Probascoe	1	1	6	..	2
Wilhelmus Lupardus *	1	1	7	..	..
Gerrardus Beekman	1	1	7	..	3
Jean Concess (F)	1	1	1	..	..
James Simson (E)	1	1	5	..	4
Engelbart Lott	1	1	6	1	5
Hendrick Ryke	1	1	3	..	3
Hendrick Vliet	1	2	2	..	..
Tobias Ten Eyck	1	1	7	1	3
Joannes Snebring	1	1	1	..	..
Cornelis Vanderveer	1	1	4	0	1
Jan Van Ditmarsen	1	1	1	..	4
Dirck Hooglant	1	1	6	..	..
Pieter Lott	1	2	..	..	..
Daniel Polhemius	1	2	6	..	4
Jan Benham (E)	1	1	1	..	.
Daniel Remse	1	1	..	..	1
Jacob Hendrikse	1	1	6	..	1
Ryk Hendrickse	1	1	1	..	1
Barent Volman	1	1	6	..	..
Henricus Kip	1	1	..	..	..
Denys Van Duyn	1	1	2	..	..
Gysbert Jantz	1	1	4	..	..
Cornelis Vanhougen	1	1	2	..	..
Denys hegeman	1	1	5	..	.
Benj hegeman	1	2	2	..	..
Jan Andriesse	1	1	2	..	..
Margareta Verschuur	..	1	4	..	2
Adriaen Ryerse	1	1	4	..	2
Cornelis Willemse	1	1	3	..	2
Leffert Pieterse	1	1	9	..	3
Abraham Hegeman	1	2	3	..	1
Aris Van de Bilt	1	1	10	..	5
Joannes Rees	1	1	8	..	..
Joannes Symonse	1	1	3	1	..
Lambert Sighels	1	1	5	..	1
Pieter Strycker	1	1	5	..	1

* Was D. Reformed Minister of Flatbush from 1695 to 1702. Ed.

	Men.	Wo.	Chi.	App	St.
John Richardson (*E*)	1	1	1	..	..
Matthys Pietertz Luyster	1	1	6	..	..
Symen Hansen	1	1	2	1	..
Aron Van Ooststrant	1	1	5	..	1
Andries Jansen	1	1	4	1	..
Ruth Albertsen	1	1	..	..	..
Joannes Van Eeckelen	1	1	6	..	2
Marten Andriesen	1	1	1	3	..
Jan Dehaen	1	1	1	..	..
Adrian hendrickse	1	1	2	..	..
Rymer Arentse	1	1	6	..	..
Evert Wikly	1	1	3	..	1
Jacobus Hegeman	1	1	3	..	1
Hendrik Willemse	1	1	4	..	..
Joannes Willemse	1	1	2	..	1
Cornelis Wickof	1	1	9	..	2
Elsie Teunisse	..	1	5	..	..
Daniel Martino	1	2	..	..	..
Rem Remse	1	1	8	..	2
Isaac Hegeman,	1	1	3	..	..
Gerret Strycker	1	1	4	..	2
Maritie Blom	..	1	9	..	..
Geertruy Van Boerum	..	1	3	..	1
Gerret Dorlandt	1	1	4	..	..
Jan Vliet	1	1	9	..	2
Joris Remse	1	1	7	..	2
Jan Vander Veer	1	1	2	..	..
	62	72	263	8	71

RECAPITULATION.

Total.		Men	Wo.	Ch.	App.	St.
509*	In the Town of Brookland	77	101	240	26	65
301	Boswick	51	49	141	8	52
259	New Vtrecht	39	38	134	..	48
256	Flatlands	47	39	130	..	40
210	Gravesend	31	32	124	6	17
476	Flatbush	62	72	263	8	71
	In all	307	331	1032	48	293

* (Ought to be 511) Is together ..... 2011 (ought to be 2013)

PETITION OF THE ELDERS OF THE DUTCH CHURCHES IN KINGS CO.

To his Excellency Edward Lord Viscount Cornbury her Majesty's Capt General and Governor in Chiefe of the Province of New Yorke and territoryes depending thereon in America &c. and Vice admiral of the same &c. The humble petition of the Elders of four dutch Churches in Kings County Brookland, fflatbush, fflatlands and New utrecht whose names are underwritten—

Humbly Sheweth

Vnto your Excellency that your petitioners of late were impowered by the people of their several townes to call and send for a minister either out of this province or out of Holland to instruct them in their mothers tongue in the place of their late Minister Mr Lupardus deceased and accordingly had severall meetings about said matter, and at last concluded to address yr Excellency ffor leave to send ffor and call one Mr Bernardus ffreeman Minister of Schenechida to be their Minister, whereupon may it please your Excellency a petition was prepared by yr Petitioners ffor that end and sent by Coll Gerardus Beekman to yr Excellency who promised the delivery of it, but ffailed in his promise, and writt us a letter that said petition was not well penn'd, and that there was some ffaults therein, and therefore would not deliver said peticon, soone after the receipt of which letter yr petitioners waited upon yr Excellency about sd matter at Coll: Merritts and yr Excellency was pleased to say you would give us an answer in a ffew days which at our return home we Infformed our people accordingly; notwithstanding all this a great part of the people of said towns were inraged with yr petitioners in craving yr Excellencyes leaue to Call said Minister and would haue noe patience to waite ffor yr Excellencyes answer, but ffforthwith some of the people of fflatbush aforesd Craued an order from sd Coll. Beekman for a towne meeting which was granted, and in said towne meeting a great party of said people grossly affronted and abused said Joseph Hegeman one of yr Petitioners and Elders as aforesaid ffor not

sending ffor said ffreeman, said Hegeman told them that he had waited upon yr Excellency about it, but would not call said Minister before he had yr Excellencyes leaue, to that severall replyed, that yr Excellency had nothing to doo with it, twas their priviledge to send ffor what Minister they please without yr Excellencyes leaue, and upon that immediately made an order to leaue sd Hegeman and other the Elders of fflattbush out, and at said time chose Daniel Polhemus Aries Van der bilt and Inglebert Lott in their places fforthwith to send ffor sd ffreeman, a copy of which towne order has bin required of the clerke by one of yr petitioners which was refused saying it was Cutt out of the towne books by some of said towne that he would not name, soo likewise may it please yr Excellency the irregular proceedings in this affaire at Broockland aforesaid of one Claes Vandyke and Nicholas Brower who went lately about said towne taking subscriptions ffor sd minister without any order therefore, soe that may it please yr Excellency yr petitioners lyes under a great hate amongst a great party of the people in doeing only their duty, said people noising among one another that 'tis the Elders ffaults that they haue not sd ffreman ffor their Minister.

Yr Excellencyes petitioners therefore humbly prayes that yr Excellency would be pleased to grant them the liberty either to Call or send ffor said Mr Bernardus ffreeman to be their minister or otherwise to send ffor Holland ffor a Minister to instruct them in their owne language according to the rules and methods of their Church discipline and ffor yr Excellencyes health & happiness yr petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Derck Amerman
Jores Hanson
Joseph Hegeman
Stoffel Probaske
Gerret Stoothoff
Jaques Cortlijou

ORDER OF COUNCIL THEREUPON.

[Council Min. IX.]

In Council; 20th Octob. 1702.

Present his Excellency Edward Viscount Cornbury &c

William Smith	Gerard Beekman
Sa Sh Broughton	Rip Van Dam
Wm Lawrence	Caleb Heathcote Esqrs

John Bridges Docr of Laws.

The petition of the Elders of the four Dutch Churches in King's County was read and ordered that the said petitioners or some of them do attend the Board on Thursday morning next at ten of the Clock, and make good the allegations in the petition; and ordered that Johannes Schenck Town Clerk of Flattbush do appear before this Board at the same time and bring with him the book of the orders made at the town meeting of the Inhabitants of the sd town.

DEPOSITIONS REGARDING THE ABOVE MATTER; Octob. 21. 1702.

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Then appeared before me Machiell Hansen Esqr one of her Majestyes Justices of the peace & Quorum ffor King's County in Nassaw Island Joras Remsen one of the ffreeholders in said County who did declare upon the holy Evangelists that Nicholas Brower and Claes Vandyke both of the Township of Broockland in said County on or about the sixteenth day of this Instant October Came to his house at Broockland aforesaid and askt him if he would signe with them to a paper to send ffor Mr ffreeman Minister of Schenectida to be their minister, and said Joras answered noe, not unless all the people alsoe signe & ffurther saith not &c.

Johannes Symonse one of the ffreeholders of said towne of Broockland alsoe sworne saith that on or about the sixteenth

day of this Instant October said Nicholas Brower and Claes Vandyke Came to his house and askt him if he would signe with them to send ffor Mr ffreeman Minister of Schenectada to be their Minister and if he would signe to a paper with them ffor the Choosing of three men in the place of the Elders of said Towne to send ffor said Minister, and he answered them noe, he would haue nothing to doe with it, & further saith not, &c.

Jacobus Debeavois one of the ffreeholders of said towne of Broockland alsoe Came before me and being Sworne saith that on or about the sixteenth day of this Instant October said Nicholas Brower and Claes Vandyke Came to his house and askt him if he would signe with them to a paper to send ffor Mr ffreeman Minister of Schenectada to be their Minister, and what sume of mony he would giue yearly ffor his maintenance, and if he would alsoe signe to a paper ffor the Choosing of Benjamin Van de water William Bennet and Jacob ffardon in the place of the Elders of sd towne to send ffor said Minister, and he answered them he would haue nothing to doe with it, and said Nicholas soon after told sd Jacobus that he had gott about 30 hands yt had signed to said paper, but the said Jacobus saith he saw noe order that the said Nicholas and Claes had for soe doeing & ffurther saith not &c.

Jurant coram me anno et die super dict.

Miggiel Hansen, justus

FURTHER ORDER OF COUNCIL.

[Counc. Min.]

In Council, 22d Octobr 1702

Present as before, except Coll Heathcote.

The Elders of the four Dutch Churches in Kings County together with the Town Clark of the Town of flatbush appeared before this Board in obedience to an order of the 20th Instant, and the said Towne Clark being Examined Confessed that the order made at the Town Meeting at flatbush was taken out of the said Town book by Aries Vanderbelt and himself, and that

it now is in the said Aries Vanderbelts custody. ORDERED that the sd Town Clark do imediately Deliver to this board the Contents of the said Order, in writing so near as he can remember, which being done It is ordered that the sd Aries Vanderbelt do appeare before this board to morrow morning at ten of the clock and that said Town Clark do attend at the sd time.

LORD CORNBURY'S ORDER ON THE PETITION FROM KINGS CO.

I having duely Considered the Within petition and having been well Informed that Mr Bar. ffreeman has misbehaved himself by promoting and Encouraging the unhappy divisions among the people of this province, do not think it Consistent with her Majestie's Service that the sd ffreeman should be admitted to be called as is prayed by the sd petition And the petitioners are hereby required not to call or receive the sd ffreeman. But they are hereby left at Liberty to send for such Minister as they shall think fitt from holland or any other place as hath been customary.

[The above order is on a scrap of paper without date. Dr. Strong (Hist Flatbush,) states that it was made on 23d Oct., 1702.]

PETITION OF THE NETHER DUTCH CHURCH OF SCHENECTADY.

To his Excellency Edward Lord Viscount Cornbury her Majsts Capt Generall and Gour In Chiefe of the Province of New Yorke and its Dependencs &c: and the honourable Councell:

The humble Petition of the Church Wardins of the Nether Dutch Church of the town of Schoneghtede:

SHEWETH

That the four severall towns to witt Midwout or flatt bush the Bay Newutreght & Brockland by their Certain writing doth

Indeavour to Draw Mr Barnardus Freeman Present minister of Schoneghtende from his Congregation Who are not able of themselves Without Your Excellencys assistance to gett another & since that we your Petioners have Been att a great Charge & trouble with assistance thereunto from the County for Defraying the Considerable Charge for Mr Barnardus Freemans Passage and other charges that doth amount to the valiable Summe of near upon Eighty Pounds so that if the sd Mr Barnardus Freeman should be Drawn from us as they Indeavour to Doe we could not Pretend that such a Small Congregation as we are Can be able to Send for another and they Who are of a greater Congregation Could had another before this If they had not Endeavoured to Deprive us their neighbours: therefore we your Lordships and Councells Petitioners humbly Pray that yr Lordship and Councell be Pleased to take this our Great Case In Your Great Wisdom and Serious Consideration to give such Incouragements to the Instructing of the Indians that we may be more Enabeled to the Paying of his Salary and your Petitioners as In Duty bound Shall ever Pray.

Schoneghtende the 29th
of May 1703

Isack Swits elder
Claes Wibbessen elder
Jan Vrooman elder
Daniel Jansen deacon
Claes Van Petten deacon
Johannis Glen deacon

Read in Council 24th June 1703 and rejected. *Counc. Min.*

COMMISSION TO REV. Mr FREEMAN TO BE MINISTER IN KING'S COUNTY.

[Deed Book X.]

By his Excellency Edward Viscount Cornbury Capt Genll & Govr in Cheife of ye Provinces of New York New Jersey & of all The Territories and Tracts of Land Depending Thereon in America & Vice Admirall of ye same &c.

To Mr Bernardus Freeman Greeting—

You are hereby Licenced Tollerated and allowed to be Ministr of The Dutch Congregation at New Uytrecht Flackbush Bruyckland and Buswick in King's County upon The Island of Nassaw in the sd Province of New York and to have & Exercise the free Liberty and use of yor Religion according to ye Laws in such case made and Provided for & During So Long Time as to me shall Seem meet & all P'sons are hereby Required to Take Notice hereof accordingly. Given under my hand & seal at Fort Anne in New York This 26th day of Decemr in the fourth year of her Maties Reigne Annoq: Dm 1705

Cornbury.

By his Excellns command

William Anderson Dy Secy

PETITION OF THE ELDERS OF DOME FREEMAN'S CHURCH.

To his Excellcy Edward Viscount Cornbury Capt Generall and Governor in Chief of her Majtys Provinces of New York and New Jersey and Vice Admiral of the same &c.

The humble Petition of Englebert Lott Jacob Pardon Daniel Polyhemus and Benjamin Vandewater Elders of the Dutch Congregations in Kings County on the Island Nassau of which Mr ffreeman is Minister by License from yor Excellcy

HUMBLY SHEWETH.

That yor petitioners haveing Lately p'sented to yor Excellcy A short Memorial of their proceedings in their offices since Publisht by said Mr ffreeman by yor Lordpps Speciall Order, setting forth to yor Excellcy that their Intention was to demand of Mr Antonides and his pretended Elders and Deacons the Churches Books Stock house and Land to the same belonging if yor Lordpp should think it Convenient which yor Excellcy was pleased to approve of and yor Petitionrs have demanded the same accordingly which Mr Antonides and his pretended deacons doe absolutely refuse to deliver Without yor Lordpps Special Order under yor hand notwithstanding yor Excellcys verball order for demanding the same.

Yor Excellcys Petitioners therefore humbly pray that they may have An order from yor Lordpps own hand for the receiveing of the said Church books stocke house and Land belonging to each of the said Dutch Congregations which yor Lordpps petitioners humbly conceives will put a Stopp to the differences amongst them for the future. humbly praying that yor Lordpp of yor Great clemency would Continue yor protection over them. And as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

ENGLEBARDT LOTT
JACOB PARDON
DANIEL POLYHEMUS
BENJAMIN VANDEWATER

WARRANT FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE CHURCH PROPERTY TO DE FREEMAN.

BY HIS EX'LY EDWARD VISCOUNT CORNBURY:

Whereas I have licensed authorized and appointed Mr Bernardus ffreeman who was called by the people of flatbush to be Minister of the Dutch Congregation att fllattbush in Kings County. It being therefore absolutely requisite that the House Land Stock and books to the same congregation belonging should

be delivered to the said Minister I have thought fitt hereby to require and command you and every of you who I am informed detain and keep the possession of the s^d House Land Stock and books for the use and on the behalfe of Mr Antonides the pretended Minister of the s^d Congregation forthwith to deliver the same to the said M^r ffreeman and to put him in the possession thereof as you will answer the contrary at your perill. Given under my hand att ffort Anne in New-Yorke this 3^d day of Jan^ry 1706.

To Joseph Hegeman and Stophell Burbasho pretended Elders and Cornelius Williamse Jan Vlies and Nys Van Duyn pretended Deacons of the Dutch Congregation at fflatt Bush.

The same to Joris hansen Daniel Rappellie & ffredrick Mynderse p:tended Elders & Gysber Bogart & aert Jansen p:tended Deacons of Bruyckland.

PETITION OF DOM^E ANTONIDES' ELDERS.

To his Excellency John lord Lovelace, Baron of Hurley, Captn Gen^ll & Govr in Chief in and over her Maties Province of New-York & the Territories depending thereon in America & Vice admiral of the same &c in Councill.

The humble Petition of Elders & Deacons of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Churches of the towns of Brookland Flatbush & Flatlands in Kings County on the Island of Nassaw

Sheweth

That yor pet^r according to the Constitucons usages and Customs of the Dutch reformed Protestant Churches always practiced in this Province, did some time after the desease of Mr Wm Lupardus their late Minister, make applicacon to the Classis of Amsterdam to send them another fit person in his room, which accordingly sent Mr Vincentius Antonides who arrived here on the first of Jany 170$\frac{5}{6}$.

But so it is may it please your Excellency that Mr Barnardus ffreeman being only calld Minister for the Town of N. Utreght in the said County has entred upon two of the said Churches without any Lawfull call and has continually obstructed their said Minister in the Exercise of his function and entirely overturned the Government & Discipline of the said Churches to the great grief of yor Petrs & discouragemt of their said Minister.

Yor Petrs therefore humbly Pray yor Excy that the matter aforesaid mostly relating to the Ecclesiasticall Govt & discipline of the said Dutch Churches may be examined into and that yor Excellcy would be pleased to that end to direct some of her Matics Councill to be Joyned with the Deputies of the Dutch Churches of this Province by yor Excys leave to be assembled to hear the same according to the constitucons aforesaid & report their opinion of that affair to yor Excy to the end they may be relieved as the Justice of their case may require.

N:York 21 Jany 170$\frac{8}{9}$.

And yor Petrs as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray &c in the name & by order of the Elders & Deacons aforesaid

JOSEPH HEGEMAN
JERONIMUS REMSEN
PIETER NEVIJUS.

ORDER OF COUNCIL THEREON.

[Counc. Min. X.]

Att a council held att Fort Anne in New Yorke the 27th day of Jany 1708–9

Present his Exly John Lord Lovelace Baron of Hurley etc.

Mr Van Dai	Mr Phillips
Mr Wenham	Mr Peartree
Mr Mompesson	Mr Prevost Esqrs
Mr Barberie	

Upon Reading the Peticon of the Elders and Deacons of the Dutch Peformed Protestant Churches of the towns of Brookland

fflatbush and Flattlands it is ordered that Mr Van Dam Mr Phillips and Mr Prevost taking to their assistance the Minister & Elders of the Dutch Church of New York do assemble att such convenient times & places as the said Mr Van Dam Mr Phillips and Mr Prevost or any two of them shall appoint to Examine Inquire into and hear the Petrs on the subject matter of the said Petition as also the said Mr Freeman and all others concerned in the said affair & to make their Report on the whole to this Board.

And that the Petitioners do serve Mr Freeman with a Copy of the said Petition & this Order.

PETITION OF DOME FREEMAN'S ELDERS.

To his Excellcy John Lord Lovelace Baron of Hurley Capt Genll and Governour in chief of the Provinces of New York and New Jersey and all the Territories and Tracts of land Depending thereon in America and Vice Admirall of the same &c In Council.

The Humble Petition of Cornelius Sebrink Anglebert Lott and Cornelius Van Brunt for and on the behalf of themselves and the Major parte of the ffreeholders of the Dutch Congregations In Kings County on the Island Nassaw.

SHEWETH

That Mr Freeman our Minister and yor Lordpp's Petitionrs were lately served with an Order of your Excellency in Council grounded upon the Petition of the Pretended Elders and Deacons of the Dutch reformed Protestant Church of the Towns of Brookland fflatbush and fflat Lands. That several of the allegations in the said Petition sett forth are misrepresented as yor said Petitioners can plainly make appeare, If yor Lordpp would be pleased to give them a hearing thereof. That yor Excellcys Petitioners are humbly of oppinion that all Ecclesiastical affairs And the Determination of all things relating thereto in this

Province lies Solely before your Lordpp. That yor Petitions have had several hearings upon the subject matter of the said Petition before the Late Governour Viscount Cornbury where the said Pretended Elders could never make good their said Alligations though with their utmost Diligence they have Endeavoured it. That the said Order imports that several Gentlemen shall have the hearing and Examining the prmisses And report the same to that Honorble Board which opportunity of setting forth their case yor Petitionrs should be Glad to Embrace were it not that several Persons therein appointed have declared thenselves to be parties against your Petitioners in the matter depending. And therefore with great submission yor Petitionrs Humbly conceive that they are not proper Judges thereof.

May it therefore please yor Excellcy of yor great Clemency to take the prmisses into your wise consideration And since the matter seems wholely to ly before yor Lordpp yor Petitioners humbly pray that the said Order may be superceeded And that yor Excellcy would be pleased to appoint a time for hearing yor Petitioners upon the said subject matter to whose wisdom and Judgment yor Petitioners In all humble manner freely submits Themselves. And in duty bound shall ever pray.

CORNELIS SEBERINGH
ENGELBARDT LOTT

ORDER THEREUPON.

At a Council held &c 3d day of Feby. 1708.
Present as before except Mr Van Dam.

Upon Reading the Petition of Mr Seabring and others on Behalf of themselves and the major parte of the ffreeholders of the Dutch Congregation in Kings County &c

It is ORDERED that the Petitioners on the afore recited Peticon and also the Petrs on the Peticon now read do severally forthwith give in the names of Two men to the sd Mr V. dam Mr Phillips & Mr Provost or one of them to be assistant to the said Mr Vandam Mr Phillips and Mr Pronost in the examinacon of the

subject matter of the aforesaid Petition who are to act thereon Pursuant to the Directions of the aforesaid ordr of this Board.

And that the Petitioners on the Petn now Read Do serve the Petitnrs on the afore recited Peticon with a Copy of their Peticn and this order.

PROPOSALS

Offered by Cornelius Seabring, Ingelbert Lot, and Cornelius Van Brunt in behalf of themselves and others, Members of ye Dutch Churches of Flatbush, Brookland, and NewUtrecht in Kings County on the Island of Nassau (who have hitherto adhered to the Interest of Domine Bernardus Freeman, their Minister) pursuant to a due authority to them the sd Seabring, Lot, & Van Brunt for that purpose given; for the more perfect and effectuall accommodation of the Difference between ye said Members, and others, Members of ye sd Churches who have hitherto adhered to the Interest of Domine Vincentius Antonides in the articles following:

1. First, that all differences and Animosities between the sd Members which have hitherto hapned, be on either side no further talked of, but entirely buryed in Oblivion.

2dly. That Domine Bernardus Freeman from the time the agreemt intended shall take effect may in all things relating to the three Dutch Churches of Flatbush, Brookland, and New Utrecht, or any other Neighbouring Churches, be admitted and put into equal State and Condition wth Domine Vincentius Antonides (to wit) in Service, in Sallary, in House & Land & all other Proffits.

3. That in order to put an End to ye Dispute concerning the present Consistory of Flatbush & Brookland; those persons wch Mr Freeman now Deems to be a Consistory, & those persons wch Mr Antonides now Deems to be a Consistory Do severally Elect two Elders & Deacons of each part, in the presence & wth the concurance of one or both Ministers if they both please to attend, and that those Eight Elders & Deacons so to be elected,

shall from thence forth be and remain Elders and Deacons for the sd two Churches of flat Bush & Brookland for the first ensuing year & that at the end of ye sd year to comence from the sd election, half of them shall be removed & four others chosen in their stead, and at the end of two years after sd first election, the other half shall be removed, & other four shall be chosen in their stead, & so successively every year according to ye usuall custom, the said Elections to be made by the votes of both the sd Ministers & the Consistory for the time being: and that whenever the sd Ministers shall meet upon any such or other Publick Service, the one shall preside one time, and ye other the next time & so alternately.

4. That to the time of ye Election of ye sd New Consistory, so to be made by both parties as aforesaid, each party shall, of their own parts respectively bear pay & discharge the Sallary, Perquisites, & other things due to ye respective Ministers, vizt Those who have hitherto sided with Mr Freeman shall clear all arrears to him: & those who have hitherto sided with Mr Antonides, all arrears to him.

New York March 5th 1708. CORNELIS SEBERINGH,
Endorsed "Proposals on the part of Mr Freeman's friends. 1708." ENGELBARDT LOTTE,
CORNELIS VAN BRUNT

ARTICLES

Exhibited by the Elders & Deacons of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Church of the Towns of Brookland, flatbush, and flatlands on the Island of Nassau, for the Reconciling the differences wch have of late been amongst the Dutch Churches on the said Island.

1st That all parties do consent that Mr Antonides according to the rules of the said Church is the duely called Minister of Brookland, flatbush & flatlands, and that the Elders & Deacons wch were lately chosen by Mr Antonides with the assistance and consent of those Elders & Deacons wch he formed there at his arrivall are yet still the true Elders & Deacons, and that what

ever has been acted to the contrary by Mr Freeman & others was always null & void & is so still; That therefore the collections gathered in the Churches of Brookland & flatbush by the friends of Mr Freerman be delivered to the Consistory of Mr Antonides to be disposed of according to the rules of the Church.

2dly That all parties do consent that the Call made for Mr Freerman by those of New Utrecht does limit him to the Congregation of that Town only.

3dly That all parties do consent, that no such lycence, or the other orders wch the Lord Cornbury has granted to Mr Freeman whereby the Effects of the sd Churches at his pleasure were to be delivered up to Mr Freeman, never were nor yet are of any force or validity in the Dutch Churches of this Province, but Tended to the ruin of the liberty of the said Churches in this Country; That they do allso reject this Position, That all the Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiccon of the Dutch Churches in this Province is wholly in the Power of the Govr acording to his will & pleasure, That yet nevertheless all parties do firmly own that the Dutch Churches in this Province are accountable to the Govt for their peaceable & good behaviour in their Doctrin, Disciplin, and Church Government; that is to say, as farr as it does consist with the Rules & Constituçons of their own nationall Church alwayes enjoyed at NewYork, As well as they have the right and Priviledge to be protected by the Civill Govt in the free exercise of their Religion according to their own Constitution.

4thly That all parties consent to subscribe the Church Orders of the Classis of Amsterdam, & those practiced on the Island of Nassauw not being contradictory thereto, & that in case any matter in difference cannot be decided amongst themselves the same be referred to the other Dutch Churches of this Province & if not by them decided the same to be submitted to the Classis of Amsterdam, whose decision is to be binding.

5thly That all parties reject the expression made by Mr. Freerman at a certain time, vizt that when the Church Orders were for his advantadge he observed them, but if they were against him he went round about the same, & could tread them under his feet.

6thly That then Mr Freeman shall be in a condicon to be called to those congregacons on the sd Island where he is not yet called according to the rules of the Church, and shall be called accordingly, Provided Mr Freerman's friends do first find out sufficient means thereto and a dwelling house and do perswade the Congregacons aforesaid to desire the Consistory to call him in an Ecclesiasticall manner.

7thly To the end there may be a perfect peace in all the Dutch Churches on the said Island all parties, together with the freinds of Mr Freerman at Jamaica are to consent that the Elders & Deacons that were there when Mr Du Bois preached there the last time are yet the true Elders and Deacons & that then both Ministers may be called there.

8thly That all parties consent that these articles being interchangeably signed be read to the respective Congregations from the Pulpit & and authentiq copies thereof sent to the other Dutch Churches in this Province to be by them kept & that notice hereof be given to the Classis of Amsterdam with the request of both parties for their approbacon.

Lastly. If Mr Freerman & his friends should not be pleased to consent to the above articles that then Capn Joannes De Peyster be desired to produce the resolucon of the Classis of Amsterdam, whereby Peace is said to be recommended according to the order of the said Classis, as Mr Freerman intimates in his letter without date to Mr Antonides that Capt. De Peyster aforesaid had shewn the same to him, together with the means to attain such a Peace.

New-York 4th March 170⅝.

By order of the said Elders and Deacons,

Abrah: Gouverneur,
Joseph Hegeman,
Geronemus Remsen,
Pieter Melijus.

Endorsed,

"Proposals on the part of Mr Antonides's friends. 1708."

FURTHER PETITION OF DOME ANTONIDES' ELDERS.

To the Right Honble Richd Ingoldesby Esqr her Mat^ies Lieu^t Govr & Comand^r in Chief of the Provinces of New-York & New Jersey and the hon^e Councill of the same:

The Petition of Joseph Hegeman Peter Nevius & Jeronimus Remsen in the behalf of the Elders & Deacons of the Dutch Reformed Protestants Churches of the towns of flatbush flatlands & brookland,

Humbly Sheweth,

That yor Pet^rs did in the time of the late Lord Lovelace petition his Ex^cy & Councill against sundry Iregularitys comitted in their Churches by Mr Bernardus freerman:

That his Ex^y & Councill were pleased to referr the Examicon thereof unto three of the members of this board to take ye same in the p^rsence of sundry other Gent^n.

That the said Gent^n have long since finished the said Exinacon but by reason of the other emergent affairs of this Province no report has as yet been made thereof.

Yo^r Pet^rs therefore humbly pray that for the p^rventing of farther disputes & and settling the peace of the County where those Churches are the said members of the Councill may be ordered with all speed to make their report on that affair to this hon^ble board.

And yor Pet^rs as in duty bound shall ever pray

By their order,

New York 8th Sept. 1709.

Abrah: Gouverneur.

ORDER THEREON.

Att a Councill held at New York
this 8th day of Sepr 1709

Present, The Honoble Richd Ingoldesby Esqr Livt Govr
Collo Beekman — Mr Mompesson
Mr Van Dam — Mr Phillipse
Collo Wenham — Capt Provost.

Upon Read ye Petition of Joseph Hegeman Peter Navius & Jeronimus Remsen in the behalf of ye Elders & Deacons of ye Dutch Reformed Protestant Churches of ye Towns of flat Bush flatlands and Brookland Praying ye Comittee appointed for examining into the disputes concerning Mr Antonides and Mr Freeman on the Churches aforesaid may make their report thereof to this Board.

It is ordered yt they proceed thereon according to ye said Petition.

PETITION OF THE ELDERS OF DOME FREEMAN'S CONGREGATION.

To the Honble Richard Ingoldsbey Esqr Lievt Governr & Comandr in chiefe of the provinces of New York New Jersey &c.

The most humble petition of Dorus polhemus John Hansen Christian Snedecore & Jno Snedecore Elders of the Dutch Congregation in Queens County.

Sheweth

Whereas Mr Freeman by orders from our late Governor the Lord Cornbury was to be Minister of this Congregation—and none els: which also was confirmed by the Lord Lovelace according to which we your Honrs petitioners were chosen & Constituted Elders of ye Church & now continue to be so.

Nevertheless Mr Antonides being very well apprized hereof but minding to make a Division & Disturbance in the Church

here (as we are told he has done in Kings County) has lately (as we are informed) Taken upon himself in concert with some few others to make choise of other Elders of the said Congregation & does design to publish them as such at the Church or meeting hous at Jamaica to morrow & also then to preach to the said Congregation, for the doing of which (as we humbly conceive) he has no manner of power or authority from your hon^r. Wee therefore humbly pray for ye preventing of the ill consequences which such practices by him will inevitably produce that yor Hon^r will be pleased as has been usual to order that no Dutch Minister shall preach or Exercise his Ministerial ffunction in this County besides M^r ffreeman till further orders from yor Hon^r & yor Hon^rs petitioners shall ever pray &c.

THEODORUS POLHEMUS
JNO HB HANSEN
JAN SNEDEKER

19 7ber 1709

PETITION AGAINST DOM^E ANTONIDES.

To the Honble Collonel Richard Ingoldesby Governor and Commander in Chief of Her Majesties Provinces of N York and New Jersey & of all ye Territories and Tracts of Land depending thereon in America Vice Admirall of ye same &c^a.

The humble petition of Cornelius Sebring & Cornelius Van Brunt in behalf of themselves and others of ye Dutch Congregation in Kings County on ye Island of Nassau,

SHEWETH,

That notwithstanding your Honors order (dated on the 14th day of this instant September) directed to Mr Vincentus Antonides not to confirm Elders and Deacons chosen by him in any of ye townes of flatt Bush New Vtrecht Bruykland, & Buswick, but soe it is may it please your Hon^r That contrary to y^r Order and in contempt thereof he ye said Mr Antonides hath

already confirmed two Elders and one Deacon in ye Towne of Bruykland on Sunday last being ye 18th Instant, and your Pet^rs are informed that he Designes to-morrow to confirm them att fflatt Bush, to ye great disturbance of Her Majesties Leigh Subjects of ye said county.

Y^r Hon^rs Petitioners Therefore Humbly Pray you will be pleased to Grant some speedy Order directed to ye Justices of ye Peace to Prevent ye mischiefs that may attend such irregular Proceedings, or otherwise as in your great wisdome shall seem meet. And y^r Pet^rs shall Pray &c.

CORNELIS SEBRING,
CORNELIS VAN BRUNT.

N York Sept 24th 1709.

Both the above Petitions Read in Councill 6th Octr 1709.

AFFIDAVIT OF PETER HERING.

Peter Hering of full age being duely sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith That on Sunday the 18th day of September One Thousand Seven hundred and nine he being then at the Dutch Church in Bruyklandt upon Long Island with one Abraham Kettletas & several others, where he this deponent did see and hear Mr Antonides a Dutch minister confirm two Elders & one Deacon or one Elder and two Deacons of the Dutch Congregation of the s^d Bruycklandt, and further this deponent saith not.

PIETRE HERING

New-York Septr 24th 1709.

Sworn before me,

EBENEZER WILLSON Mayor

MAJORITY REPORT OF COUNCIL.

To the Honoble Richard Ingoldesby Esqr Liv^{t} Govr and Commander in Chief of the Provinces of New-York New Jersey &c and Councill

In obedience to a Referrence of his late Ex^{ly} John Lord Lovelace &c. in Councill now confirmed by your Honour in Councill we have inquired into Examined and heard the Elders and Deacons of ye Dutch Reformed Protestant Churches of the Towns of Brookland fflatbush & fflatlands in Kings County on their Petition to his s^{d} Ex^{ly} in Councill as also Cornelius Sebringh Anglebert Lott and Cornelius Van Brunt for and on the behalf of themselves and the major part of the ffreeholders of the Dutch Congregations In Kings County on the Island Nassau on their petition to his said Ex^{ly} in Councill and find by the Books papers Evidences and Examinations before us laid & taken that Mr Antonides is duely and Regularly called minister of the said Towns of Brookland fflatbush & fflatlands according to the Discipline practice and Constitution of the Dutch Churches of the Towns afores^{d} and that M^{r} ffreeman is Duely called Minister of New Utrecht on the said Island, and we believe is likewise Minister of Bushwick tho it has not been proved before us.

We are
Your honours most obedient
New-York 15th Septr 1709. humble servants

Rip Van Dam
A. D. Philipse
J V. Cortlandt
Leendert huygen de kley

MINORITY REPORT.

To The Honourable Colo^{l} Richard Ingoldsby Lieutenant Govr & Comander in chief in & over her majesties Provinces of New York & New Jersey & Vice Admirall of the same in Councill.

In obedience to an order of this board formerly made whereby wee the Subscribers & others were appointed to Examine & Inquire into and heare the Petion of the Elders & Deacons of the Dutch Reformed Churches of Breuk Land Flatbush & New Utreght in behalfe of M^{r} antonides on the subject matter of the said Petition as also Mr Freeman and others Concerned in the said affaire & to make report thereof to this board wee the Subscribers conceiving it our duty, do most humbly certify & Report this our opinion Viz^{t}: that the said Mr Freeman is Justly & Legally Called & Entitled to the ministry of the said Churches of Breuk Land Flatbush New Utreght and Boswyck and that the said Mr Antonides is not Legally called thereto for the Reasons Following———

First that the Persons whoe pretend to haue Called Mr Antonides were not at that time the Elders & Deacons of the said Churches according to ye Rules & Methods p^{r}scribed by the Sinod of Dort for the Governm^{t}: of the Dutch Reformed Churches, they having Continued as Such Some three years, Some four years, whereas by the Constitution of the said Sinod they could haue continued but two years——

Secondly, that the call on which Mr Antonides came over is Expressed to bee made by a Generall towne meeting (which apears to haue been the usuall way in Such Casses) and that apears utterly false by the Examinations, for that the pretended authority for making that call apears not to be given in a publiq meeting, but to be obtained Privatly & Clandestinely by Procuring Subscriptions in Going from house to house & there using false Insinuations concerning Mr Freeman.

Thirdly that the said pretended call mentions the having obtained the Gov^{rs} License, & aprobation for making the said call, whereas it appears by the oath of the Lord Cornbury then

Govr & thire own confession that the Lord Cornbury, did not give any License, to make that call,

Fourthly that on the contrary it apears that Mr Freeman was called by a generall Towne Meeting Publiqly assembled (as has alwaies been Customary) for which the Express License & aprobation of the Lord Cornbury then Governour had bein first obtained.

Fiftly that the having a License from the Govr was Esteemed necessary even by Mr Antonides himselfe & those that sided with him, Since both he & they frequently aplyed to obtain Such a License; as appears by Seaverall letters to the Late Lady Cornbury, & Mrs Peartree, under the hand of the said Antonides & of the Said pretended Elders for the truth of which wee the Subscribers refer our Selves to the Examinations & the Respective papers produced at the taking thereof—But notwithstanding the right wee Conceive the said Mr Freeman has to the said Churches, Yet as Mr Freeman and those of his side haue out of a Christian Principle for pease Sake & to avoid all further Differences in the Said Churches offered to Devide Equally the pains & profit of the Said Churches, Wee humbly Conceive those Measures most reasonably & Conducieve to the Entire Reconciliation of both ministers and Partyes, this wee offered before, to the other Gentlemen of the Comitee as being agreable to the Opinion of the Classis of Amsterdam Signifyed by thire Letters to that Purpose.———

All which matters aboue mentioned are nevertheless with Humility Submitted to Your Honours' Prudent Consideration & Decision by

Your Honours most obedient
Most humble Sarv^ts
D: Provoost
A. D. Peyster
J^o D: Peyster

Read in Council 6th Oct. 1709.

DISPOSITION OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS.

Min. X.]

Att a Councill held in New Yorke
this 20th day of Octob^r 1709

Present the Honble Richard Ingoldesby Esqr Liv^t Governour

Mr Beekman	Mr Barberie
Mr Van Dam	Mr Phillipse
Mr Mompessom	Coll Peartree

Mr Phillips having desired to be heard & it being Granted he said—

In the dispute between the Dutch Ministers on Long Island there has been a Reference and thereon two Reports have been made to this Board; One by Mr Van Dam and three others, the other afterwards by Capt Provost and two others to all whom it was referred and then he Proposed the Question whether two Reports on one & the same Referrence ought to be made or ever has been made.

Mr Beekman Mr Mompessom Mr Barberie & Coll^o Peartree are of opinion y^t the Report of the Majority has been always made and not two reports on one and the same referrence.

Then Mr Phillipse moved that the Report of Mr Van Dam and others being that of the majority may continue on the file and the other taken of.

Mr Beekman Mr Mompessom Mr Barberie & Coll^o Peartree being for the motion

It is ordered that the Report of ye s^d Mr Van Dam & others remain on ye file & and the other of Capt Provost and others be taken of the fiel.

PETITION OF THE ELDERS AND DEACONS OF REVD MR ANTONIDES.

To the Honble Richard Ingoldesby Esqr Lievt Govr & Comandr in Cheif of the Provinces of New York & New Jersey &c. and the honble Council of the Province of New York.

The Humble Petiçon of the Elders & Deacons of the Dutch reformed Protestant Churches of the Towns of Brookland flatbush & flatlands in Kings County

SHEWETH

That whereas on some differences in the said Towns relating to & concerning who was the Minister of sd Towns application has heretofore been made to this board and sundry Gent of this board & others have been directed to examine that matter & make report thereof which they have accordingly done whereby it appears that Mr Vincentius Antonides is duely called Minister of the said Towns to the said Congregaçons as by the said report remaining on the file relaçon being thereto had may more fully and at large appear.

Your Petrs therefore humbly Pray that the said report may be approved in Councill & that yor honors will be pleased to declare that the sd Mr Antonides ought accordingly to exercise his function as Dutch Minister to the said Congregaçons, and yor Petrs shall ever Pray

In their names & by their order,

JERONIMUS REMSEN.

N. York 22d Octob 1709.

PETITION FOR A DECISION ON THE DIFFERENCES IN THE CHURCHES OF KINGS COUNTY.

To the Hononrable Coll Richard Ingoldsby Lieutenant Govr & Comander in chief of the Provinces of New York & New Jersey & Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble Petition of Cornelius Seabring & Cornelius Van Brunt in behalf of themselves and others Members of tne Dutch Churches of flatbush Brookland & New Utrecht.

SHEWETH

That his late Excellency John Lord Lovelace late Governour of this Province deed having in his lifetime referred the Examination of the subject matter of a certain Petition signed by Joseph Heggeman Jeronimus Ramsen & Peter Nevius in behalf of Domine Vincentius Antonides; & of another certain Petition signed by your present Petitioners in Behalf of themselves and others as above and also in behalf of Domine Bernardus Freeman their Minister; to divers persons for them to make their report to his said late Excellency; but the said Lord Lovelace dying before the sd Report was perfected, the said referees according to order; have since made their report to your Honour, in two Different manners, as your Petitioners are informed but your Honour having not as yet made any decisive order thereon as your: Petner can learn

Your Petitioners most humbly Pray your Honour would be pleased to declare your Decision of the Matters thus so fully Examined into by the sd Referees that the same being Signified to the respective parties concerned may put an end to the Differences which have so long depended between them.

And they will Pray &c

CORNELIS SEBERINGH
CORNELIS VAN BRUNT

Read 27th Octr 1709.

Lt GOV. INGOLDESBY'S ORDER.

The preceding petitions having been read the Levt Govr was pleased to make the following order in hec verba:

A Reference haveing been made by the Late Lord Lovelace to certain persons to inquire into ye causes of the Differences that have happened between Mr ffreeman and Mr Antonides with relation to ye Churches in Kings County & ye said persons haveing made two severall reports to ye Honoble Collo Ingoldesby Livt Govr of this Colony.

His Honour haveing Considered the said Report and the Matters therein contained does think fitt to order & direct and does hereby order & direct that from this time forward Mr Freeman and Mr Antonides shall preach at all ye sd Churches in Kings County alternately and divide all ye Profitts Equally share and share alike and to avoid all further dispuets between the said Ministers Mr ffreeman shall preach next Sunday at Flattbush & ye Sunday following Mr Antonides shall preach att Flattbush and so on in the other Churches turn by turn if Either of them refuses to Comply with this Order to be dismissed.

Whereuppon Mr Philipse moved yt the oppinions of ye Gentlemen of this Board with relation to ye same matter may be Entered which follow

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Mr Phillipse

That ye Report made in favour of Mr Antonides ought to be confirmed that he ought to discharge his function without any Interrupson pursuant to the 53 article of her Majesties Instructions to my Lord Lovelace[1]

Mr Barberie of ye same opinion.

Collo Peartree of ye same oppinion.

Mr Van Dam of ye same opinion.

Capt Provost.

That the Determination of the Liut Governour is very Reasonable and ought to be complyed wth

1 Art. 53. You are to Permitt a Liberty of Conscience to all Persons (Except Papists) so they be contented with a Quiett and Peaceable enjoyment of the same not giving any offence or scandal to the Government.—*Instructions to Ld. Lovelace.*

Mr Beekman
being a party Concerned Desires to be excused from giveing his oppinion [Coun. Min.]

DOMe ANTONIDES REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH THE PRECEDING ORDER.

To the Honble Richard Ingoldesby Esqr Liev Govr & Commandr in Chief of the Provinces of N. York & New Jersey & the Honble Councill of the Province of New York.

The humble Peticon of Vincentius Antonides Minister of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Churches of Brookland flatbush and flatlands on the Island of Nassau

Sheweth

That yor Petr having been served with and Order from his honour dated the 27 Octobr 1709 And to the end that he may not be wanting in his duty to God his said Churches nor give any Just cause to incur his honours displeasure, he humbly beggs leave to Represent that he cannot comply with the said Order unless he breaks thro' the Rules & Discipline of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Churches the Constitucon whereof not admitting any minister to assume a right to any Church but where he is Regularly called to, which the said order seems to Direct.

Your Petr therefore humbly Prays that yor Honor and this board will Protect yor Petr in the due & peaceful Exercise of his ministeriall function in the said Churches where he has been regularly called unto and as his Predecessors in the said Churches have enjoyed. And yor Petr as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c.

Signed Vincentius Antonides.

Read 11 Nov. 1709.

FURTHER PETITION OF REV. MR. ANTONIDES.

To the Honble Richard Ingoldesby Esqr Lievt Govr & Commandr in chief of the Provinces of New York & New Jersey &c and the honble Councill of the Province of New York —

The humble Petiçon of Vicentius Antonides minister of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Churches of brookland, flathush, and flatlands on the Island of Nassau,

Sheweth

That whereas yor Petr took the freedom to prsent to the honble the Lievt Govr & this honble board an humble Petiçon bearing date sometime in the beginning of Novembr last past a copy whereof is hereunto annexed. And for as much as yor Petr has not had the honour to know the result thereon, and that he is inclinable to observe the Rules of decency & order conformable to his profession

He therefore humbly prays that yor honnours will be pleased to grant to yor Petr the prayer of his said Petiçon.

And yor Petr as in Duty bound shall Pray, &c.

V. Antonides

New York 8th febr 170$\frac{9}{10}$.

ORDER ON THE SAID PETITION.

In Council 15 Feb. 1709. Upon Reading ye Petition of Mr Antonides reciting another Petition formerly presented a Copy whereof is to this Petition annexted & referring thereto that the prayer thereof may be granted the Livt Govr said he had already Determined the Matter yt he will hear nothing further thereon.

ANOTHER PETITION OF REV. MR. ANTONIDES.

To the Honble Gerardus Beekman Esqr President and the rest of her maties Councill of the Province of New york &c.

The humble Peticon of Vincentius Antonides minister of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Churches of the towns of flatbush flatlands & Brookland on the Island of Nassauw in Kings County. Sheweth

That whereas upon a difference in the said County a reference was had and matters Examined by a Comittee of this board & others relating to yor Pet^{rs} right to the said Churches & upon ye report of the said Comittee being returned to this board whereby it appears that yor Pet^{rs} was duly called minister to the said Churches but hitherto could not obtain a Confirmation of the said report nor Proteccon in the due Exercise of his functions there but to ye Contrary has been forbid to preach in the said County to the great grief & dammage of yor Pet^{r}

He therefore humbly prays that the said report may be Confirmed & he protected in the Exercise of his duty without molestacon in the like manner as his predecessors in the said Churches have enjoyed

And yor Pet^{r} as in Duty bound
shall ever pray &c
V. Antonides

New Yorke
April 12th 1710.

PETITION OF THE SHERIFF AND JUSTICES OF KINGS CO. IN FAVOR OF DOM^{E} ANTONIDES.

To the Honble Gerardus Beekman Esqr President and the rest of her maties Councill of the Province of New York &c.

The humble Petition of the Justices of the Peace & high Sherif of Kings County on the Island of Nassauw—

SHEWETH

That for some years past there hath been a great difference in the said County concerning the right of the ministeriall function of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Churches of flatbush flatlands & Brookland which Mr Antonides claimed as being thereunto called by the Consistory of the said Towns & Mr Freeman pretended to by a Lycense from some of the former Govrs of this Province; that the said difference hath been examined by a Comittee of this board & others & by a Report from the major part thereof remaining of record it was found that Mr Antonides was duely called minister of the said Churches according to their Constitucon, the Confirmacon of which they humbly conceive would have entirely ended the said difference but in stead thereof yor Petrs find that contrary to the same the late Lievt Govr by his orders dated the Elleaventh of Octobr last has not only entirely given away the said Churches to Mr Freeman but allso has forbidd Mr Antonides to preach in the said County & by what Law yor Petrs are yet ignorant of comanded yor Petrs to be aiding & assisting to the said Mr ffreeman to the prejudice of the said Mr Antonides and the ancient rights of the sd Churches & the hasarding the peace & tranquility of the said County.

Yor Petrs therefore humbly pray Yor honrs to take that matter into your Serious Consideracons & give such & the like Proteccon & countenance to the Dutch Protestant Reformed minister regularly called according to their Constitucon to any Churches in the said County as their respective predecessors before the sd difference have always enjoyed & of right to them belongs —

And Yor Petrs as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

in the name & by their order

JOSEPH HEGEMAN
PIETER STRYCKER
GERRET STOOTHOFF

New Yorke 17th Aprill
1710.

FURTHER ORDER IN COUNCIL ON THE PENDING DIFFICULTIES.

[Council Min. X.]

Att a Council held att the City Hall of
ye City of New York this 18th day of Aprill 1710.
Present the Honoble Gerardus Beekman, President
Rip Van Dam Wm Peartree
John Barberie David Provost
Adolph Phillipse

Upon the said [preceding] two Petitions & after a Debate thereon it was put to ye vote and ordered that every Member declare and enter there opinions thereon which is as follows to witt

Majr Provost. That these matters and these petitions ought not to be meddled with till Col. Hunter arrives

Coll Peartree. That Mr Antonides ought to have Libertie to Preach to the People that called him

Mr Phillipse. That the report of ye Major Part of ye Councill to whom the matter was referred dated 14th 7br Last ought to be confirmed and Mr Antonides protected in ye free exercise of his ministerial Function of ye sd Towns accordingly and that all Persons may be ordered to take notice thereof and Mr Antonides & Freeman Recommended to Dispose as much as in them Lyes their Respective consistorys so as that each of them may be called by them to such Churches as they are not yett duely called unto.

Mr Barberie, of ye same oppinion

Mr Van Dam, of ye same opinion

Mr Beeckman, whereas there is a Governor expected every Day is therefore of opinion that yt is more proper for him to Lett the Report & Petitions Remain as they are till Collo Hunter arrives.

Upon collecting the opinions ordered yt the said Report be confirmed Mr Antonides protected in the free exercise of his Ministeriall Function in the said Townes and all persons to take notice thereof accordingly and ye said Mr Antonides & Mr Free-

man Recommended to Persuade & Dispose (as much as in them Lyes) their consistory's Respectively so as yt each of them may be called to such Churches as they are not yett duely called unto.

PETITION IN BEHALF OF DOME FREEMAN.

To the Honoble the President & others the Members of Her Maties Council for the Province of New-York.

The humble petiçon of Daniel Remsen & Cornelius Sebring Members of the Dutch reformed churches of Flatbush & Brookland in Kings County in behalf of themselves & of most part of the Inhabitants of the said County.

SHEWETH

That yor petrs having been informed yt there has lately been made an order by this Board relating to the Ministers of ye Dutch reformed Churches of said Kings County, wch tends much to ye prejudice of Domine Bernardus Freeman minister of ye said Churches of Flatbush & Brookland (of wch said Churches the said Domine Freeman has for sometime past been in full peaceable possession) & to ye disquiet & injury of yor petrs & yt ye sd order was made without any notice given to ye said Domine Freeman or any other on his behalf whereby they might have been heard before ye passing said order.

Now forasmuch as ye sd ordr doth very much alter the Regulation lately made by his Honr Col. Ingoldesby late Lievt Govr touching ye sd Churches.

Yor petrs humbly pray ye matters concerning ye sd Churches may continue as they were upon the Regulation above mentioned untill ye arrivall of Col. Robert Hunter who is daily expected as Govr of this Province.

And yor petrs &c.

DANIEL REMSEN
CORNELIS SEBERINGH

27 April 1710

ORDER ON SAID PETITION.

In Council, 27 April 1710.

Upon Reading the above Petition the Counctl gave their opinions as follows

Major Prevost. That the Petition be granted

Coll. Paretree. That Mr. Antonides ought to Preach to ye People that called him

Mr Phillipse. That ye last Order of this Board be confirmed

Mr Barberie. Of ye same opinion

Collo Heathcote. Of ye same opinion

Mr Van Dam. Of ye same opinion

Mr President. For Peace & quietness yt Mr Freeman shd have ye Priviledge to preach at Flattbush & Brooklond till Col. Hunter arrives or till a further agreement [Counc. Min.]

FURTHER PETITION OF REV. MR ANTONIDES & HIS ELDERS.

To the Honble Gerardus Beekman Esqr President and the rest of her Maties Councill of the Province of New-York.

The humble Peticon of Vincentius Antonides Minister and the Elders & Deacons of the Protestant reformed Dutch Churches of the Towns of flatbush flatlands & brookland in Kings County on the Island Nassauw.

Sheweth

That by an order of this honble board dated the 18th of Aprill last past the said Minister was without disturbance to Exercise his ministeriall function in the said Towns whereto he was regularly called with the same Proteccon as his p decessors in the said Churches had had & enjoyed.

But so it is may it please yor honors that Mr barnhardus ffreeman minister of the Town of N. Utrecht well knowing the said order, but not regarding the Peace of the said Churches has

surreptitiously obtained an order from the hon^{ble} p^{r}sident of this board dated the fifth June Instant whereby he is alternatively to preach with the said Mr Antonides in the Churches of flatbush & brookland as by a copy thereof herewith delivered may at large appear.

By virtue whereof the said M^{r} freeman did preach the last Sunday in the Church of flatbush finding means to open the said Church without the consent of the Consistory All which yor Pet^{r} conceives to be in derogacon of the former recited order and to the manyfest Injury of Yo^{r} Pet^{rs}.

They therefore humbly Pray that the said last mentioned order may be recalled & yor Pet^{rs} left in the possession of their just rights & be protected accordingly. And yor Pet^{rs} as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

in their names & by their order

JOSEPH HEGEMANS.

New-York 12th June 1710.

ORDER IN COUNCIL ON THE ABOVE.

[Counc. Min. X.]

Present the Hono^{ble} Gerardus Beeckman
Mr Van Dam Mr Philipse
Coll Renselaer Coll Peartree
Mr Barberie

The Council moved the P^{r}sident to grant the Prayer of the Petition, but he not doing it they declared they would not meet in Councill till it was done telling the P^{r}sident, if he could do what he had done as aforesaid without them, he might do all other acts of Government without them, and that then they saw no buisness they had to Convene in Councill.

And thereupon the Conncill broke up.

II. FFILKIN TO SECRETARY [Clarke] EXPLANATORY OF THE QUARREL BETWEEN HIM & LT. GOV. BEEKMAN.

SIR—

I am in expectation of a complaint coming to his Excellency by Coll. Beeckman against me, and that his Excellency may be rightly informed of the matter, my humble request to you is, that if such a thing happen, be pleased to give his Excellency an account thereof which is as follows: A ffriday night last, the Justices of the County and I came from his Excellency's; Coll. Beeckman happened to come over in the fferry boat along with us, and as we came over the fferry, Coll. Beeckman and we went into the fferry house to drink a glass of wine, and being soe in company, there happened a dispute between Coll. Beeckman and myself, about his particular order that he lately made to Mr ffreeman, when he was President of the Councill, without the consent of the Councill: Coll. Beeckman stood to affirm there, before most of the Justices of Kings County, that said order, that he made then to Mr ffreeman as President only was still in force and that Mr ffreeman should preach at Broockland next Sunday according to that order: whereupon I said it was not in fforce, but void and of noe effect, and he had not in this County, any more power now than I have, being equall in commission with him in the general commission of the peace and one of the quorum as well as he; upon which he gave me affronting words, giving me the lie and calling me pittifull fellow, dog, rogue, rascall, &c., which caused me, being overcome with passion, to tell him that I had a good mind to knock him off his horse, we being both at that time getting upon our horses to goe home, but that I would not goe, I would fight him at any time with a sword. I could wish that these last words had been kept in, and I am troubled that I was soe overcome with passion and inflamed with wine. The works of these Dutch ministers is the occasion of all our quarrells. And this is the truth of the matter, there was no blows offerred, nor noe more done. Mr ffreeman has preached at Broockland yesterday accordingly, and the Church doore was broke open, by whom it is not yet

knowne. Soe I beg your pardon ffor this trouble, crave your favour in this matter, and shall always remaine,

Sir, your ffaithful and humble servant,

H. Ffilkin

[June 1710]

GOV. HUNTER TO THE JUSTICES OF KINGS COUNTY.

New York 15th Septr 1710

Gentlemen

The Controversy between Mr ffreeman and Mr Antonides concerning the Churches in your County looking now with a fairer aspect towards a Reconciliation then hitherto they have; to the end that nothing may be done to impede so good a work, I desire you to permit Mr ffreeman and Mr Antonides to preach to-morrow in the Respective Churches wherein in Course it is their Turn to preach and that no molestation be given to either of them therein, having good hopes that before the next Sunday every thing will be so disposed that this unhappy dispute will be accommodated to the Satisfaction of both those Gentlemen, and to the generall approbation of all their Congregations, whereby their present devisions may be healed, and the disagreing partys united into one mind. And that no misinterpretations may be made hereof on either hand, I desire you to let each party and their respective Congregations know that I am so farr from determining any one point in dispute that the Right of either of them is as entirely reserved to them as it was before and that after to morrow no further use be made hereof.

I desire you to tell Mr Antonides and Mr ffreeman that I would speak with them here on Monday next.

I am Sincerely

Gentlemen

Your very humble Servr

Ro. Hunter

FURTHER ORDER IN FAVOR OF Mr ANTONIDES.

[Counc. Min. X.]

At A Councill held at ffort Anne in
New-York ye 27th Day of November 1710.

Present His Excellency Robert Hunter, Esqr

Coll DePeyster	Mr Van Dam
Doctor Staats	Mr Mompessom
Capt Walter	Mr Phillipse.

His Excellency acquainted this Board that the Dispute Betweene Mr Antonides & Mr ffreeman Concerning their calls to some Churches in Kings County, Notwithstanding all ye proposalls made to them by him for an Accomodation still Continues to ye Great disturbance of ye Peace of ye said County and those proposalls not being consented to His Excellencey desired ye Opinions of this Board what they Judge proper to be done therein

It is ye opinion of Every member of this Board (Except Coll. D'Peyster) that ye Order made in Councill in this matter ye 18th of Aprill last be Confirmed Whereby Mr Antonides was to be protected in the ffree Exercise of his Ministeriall ffunction in the Towns of ffilat-Bush fflatlands and Brookland and that all persons were to take notice thereof accordingly and that Mr Antonides and Mr ffreemen were recommended to persuade and dispose (as much as in them lay) their Consistories respectively soe as that each of them may be called to such churches as they are not yet duely called unto

Whereupon It is ordered that the said Order be and it is hereby confirmed till His Excellencey's pleasure be further knowne and all partyes Concerned are to take Notice hereof and Governe themselves accordingly.

FURTHER DIFFICULTIES IN FLATBUSH CHURCH.

At a Council held at ffort Anne in
New-York this 30th day of Aprill 1711.

PRESENT, as before.

WHEREAS this Board is Informed that Mr ffreeman has lately Preached in the Churches of Kings County to which Mr Antonides is called and that many violent proceedings are taken to the Great Disturbance of the Publick peace of the said Churches and County and in Derogation of the order of this Board of the 27th November last, AND

WHEREAS this Board has been Informed by a minute under the hand of the clerk of flatbush that the said Towne have lately Elected Church Masters after a New and unprecedented manner which may Introduce other New and pernicious Practices and effects

WHEREUPON It is ordered that the said order of this Board be confirmed and that Mr ffreeman doe not presume to preach in any of the Churches to which Mr Antonides is called, and that none of the said Church Masters soe Newly Elected presume to Intermedle in the affaires of the said church or in any Lands houses or other effects thereto belonging And all her Majesties Justices of the Peace of the said County and persons Concerned are to take Notice hereof and Governe themselves accordingly.

PETITION OF THE CONSISTORY FOR A CHARTER.

To his Excellency ROBERT HUNTER Esqr Captn Genll & Govr in Chief in and over her Maties Province of New York &c &c &c.

The humble Peticon of Vincentius Antonides Minister of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Churches of Flatbush Brookland & flatlands in Kings County on the Island of Nassau in the Province of New York Joannes Cornel Rynier Aarsen, & Henry Filkin Elders of the said Church

at Flatbush Benjamin Hegeman Cornelis Cornel & Jan Bennet Deacons thereof—Michiel Hansen Jan Dorlant & Cornelis Van Duyn Elders of the said Church at Brookland Nicolas Van Dyk Isaak Remse & Jan Rapalie Deacons thereof, Jan alberts ter heunen Lucas Stevense H Gerrit Stoothof Elders of the said Church in Flatlands, Harman Hooglant Alexander Simson & Jan Amerman Deacons of the same.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That for many years last past at the charge of sundry of the Inhabitants of the said Towns & of other Pious persons there hath been erected in each of the said Towns a Church for the Publicq worship of Almighty God and other Divine Service to be celebrated therein after the manner of the Dutch nationall Churches of the Provinces of the United Netherlands acording to their Profession and Discipline Established by the nationall Synod of Dort held in the year 1618 & 1619 which said three Churches since the settlement have always Joyned together in the calling & paying of one Minister for them all.

And whereas the said Minister Elders & Deacons respectively for the use of their said churches by virtue of sundry mean conveyances in the Law are possessed of sundry parcells of Lands & Tenements respectively for every particular Church aforesaid That is to say for the Church of Flatbush two Lotts of land situate lying and being in the said Town on the north side of Col. Gerardus Beekman Jacob Hendrickse & Roelof van Kerck on the south of the lane that leads to Gouwanes conteining one hundred & eighteen acres as allso two Lotts of meadow the [whole] being in the bounds of the said Town over the fresh creek broad 7 Rodd laid out by N° 19 and the other over the Second Creek broad 12 Rod N° 15 both stretching from the woods to the Sea Allso one other Lot of Land in the said Town to the north of Peter Stryker and to the South of the highway that Leads to the New Lotts Containing fourty eight acres Allso one other Lot to the South of Peter Stryker & matty Luyster and to the North of the Lane that leads to the New Lotts conteining fourty eight acres Allso two Lotts of meadow the one over the fresh creek broad 7 Rodd N° 20 and the other over the Second creek

broad 13 Rodd Nº 11 Allso one Lot of Land lying amongst the new Lotts of the said Towns to the west side of Rem Remsen to the East of Elsie Snediker conteining thirty four acres as *Allso* the Church and ministers Dwelling howse in the said Town together with the orchard gardens and yard adjoyning conteining ten acres, Allso one howse & Lot of ground in the said Town called the School howse conteining Eight acres together with the Lands and meadows in right thereof laid out for the use of the said Church out of the comons of the said Town.

And for the Church of Brookland one Lot of Land in the said Town in breadth Eight Rodd Long thirteen Rodd & a half bounden on the South West by the highway on the north west by Jacobus Beavois and on the south east by Charles Beavois Allso one church yard elleaven Rodd square bounded on the north east by the highway on the south east by a Small Lane to the South West by Joris Hanssen & and to the north west by Albertie Barents and the Church in the said Town Standing in the middle of the highway.

And for the Church of Flatland, One Lot of Land at a place called Amesfoorts Neck containing Twenty Acres laid out by Nº 10 And Allso the Church in sd Town & one howse called the School howse with the Land adjoyning Containing two acres or thereabouts therefore for the advanceing of Piety & Religion and that the said Lands may be the better administered and the Revenue thereof duly applyed for the Maintenance of the minister or ministers for the time being & other Pious Charitable uses —

They do most humbly Pray that the said Minister Elders & Deacons & their Successors may be by her Majesties Grant or Charter under the Seal of this Province Made One body Politick and Corporate in the same, and in like manner and as near as may be to the Charter heretofore granted to the Minister Elders & Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York, save only that the severall Lands & Tenements aforesaid now in their Possession be therein reserved to the use of Each respective Church aforesaid paying to her Matie her heirs and successors the Proporcon of the Quitrents they now pay in each respective Town aforesaid

And yor Petionrs as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c

Luycas Steuense	V. Antonides
Gerrit Stoothoff	Reynier Aertsen
Claes Van Dyck	Johannes Cornel
Hermanus Hooglandt	Hen: ffilkin
Jan Amearman	Alexander Simpson (mark)
Migguel hansen	benjamin hegeman
Johi Dorland (mark)	Cornelis Cornel
Cornelis Van Duyn	Dit is het IB cigen gestelt
Isaack Remsen	handt merk van
Jan Rapale	Jan Bennit

Kings County the 1 Augst 1711.

Read in Council 8 Aug 1711. & referred

CAVEAT ENTERED AGAINST THE ABOVE.

In Council, 13th Sept. 1711

Mr. Jamison acquainted this Board that Inglebert Lott has entered a Caveat against granting a Charter to some Dutch Churches in Kings County And thereupon Moved that the said Lott appeare and shew his Cause of Entring such Caveat to the Committee to whom the Petition for the Charter is Referred.

It is Ordered that he appeare and shew cause accordingly.

REPORT IN COUNCIL ON THE PRECEDING PETITION AND CAVEAT.

May it please yor Excellencey

In obedience to yor Excellenceys Order in Councill of the Eighth of August Last made on ye Petition of Vincentius Antonides and others for a Charter to the Consistories of fflat Bush Brookland and fflat Lands and of another of the thirteenth of September Instant to Examine into the Reasons of a Caveat

Entred by Inglebert Lott against Granting the said Charter—Wee have heard the said parties and thereupon humbly Report that the said Mr Lott produced noe manner of power or authority from any of the Inhabitants of the Town of fflat Bush for his Entring the said Caveat notwithstanding He therein mentioned that the same is Entred in ye behalfe of himselfe and the major part of the Inhabitants of the said Town of fflat Bush—The said Mr Lott Insisted that by his being Chosen by some of the Inhabitants of ye Towne of fflat Bush one of the Church Masters of the said Towne some time ye last Spring he was Qualifyed for his Entring that Caveat Notwithstanding he owned that ye manner of His Being Elected Church Master as aforesaid was contrary to the manner of Chuseing such officers before that time and being asked by Mr Regnier who appeared at his Councill before ye Committee whether he would ask any further time to make out ye allegations of his said Caveat hee declined ye same Wee are therefore of opinion that the said Caveat is frivolous, and that ye Committee may proceed on ye former Referrence on ye petition before mentioned which is nevertheless humbly submitted by

Yor Excellency's most
obedient Servants

John Barberie	S. Statts
A. D. Philipse	R. Walter
T. Byerley	Rip Van Dam

28th Septr 1711

Endorsed

Read 29 Septr 1711 & Confirmed.

ORDER IN COUNCILL ON A PETITION OF DOM. ANTONIDES.

[Counc. Min. XI.]

At a Councill held at fort Anne in
New-York this 29th day of Septr 1713.
Present His Excellency Robert Hunter Esq &c.

Col. D 'peyster	Mr Barberie
Doct. Staats	Mr Phillipse
Capt. Walter	Mr Byerley

The Petition of Vincentius Antonides Minister of the protestant reformed Dutch Churches of fflatbush fflatlands and Brookland in Kings County relating to the disputes between him and Mr ffreeman setting forth that notwithstanding the order of this Board of the 30th April 1711 Mr ffreeman in Contempt thereof did on the 6th Septr Instant take upon himself to preach in the Church of fflatbush at the time when the Petrs Congregation was to have mett there and thereby hindered your petr from officiating in the said Church and being apprehensive the same method will be taken by ye said Mr ffreeman in the other Churches above-named To the great Hurt and disturbance of the Petr and his Congregation & praying relief in the premises, being read—

The Consideration thereof is referred to the Gentlemen of this Board or any five of them.

*** The unhappy differences above detailed did not terminate until the close of the year 1714, when a reconciliation was finally effected between the Clergymen and their respective friends, the particulars of which will be found in STRONG's *Hist: of the Town of Flatbush*, 1842, p. 86. ED.

A TRUE LIST

OF THE RESPECTIVE OFFICERS AND SOULDIERS BELONGING TO THE REGIMENT OF MILITIA IN KINGS COUNTY; 1715.

RICD STILLWELL Coll.
Joust Van Brunt L. Coll.
Jeromas Remsin Major
Samuel Garrison agett

The Troop.

DANIEL REMSEN Coptt
Rick Vansudam, Leff.
Johannis Sebring, Cortt
Marten Adrianse, Quartt
Gabrill Sprong
Daniel Rapelje
Klas ffolkerson
John Simasin
William Hogelantt
Jacob Nagell
John Rapelje
Hans Bargen
Jacob Martensin
John vankleeft
George Anderson
Joust debevoice
Cornelius Simason
Stephen Korten
Jacob Bennitt
Aartt Willemse
John vandervere
William van Nuess
Thomas Griggs
Abraham hegeman
Lawrence Ditmarse
Abraham Derje
hans Bargen
John Griggs
Joust Derje
Barent Bloom
Jacob debevoice
John Garrison
Nicholas Cowenhoven
John van kerk
Charles debevoice
Rem Joressin
Jaques Tunissin
Rem hegeman
Stephen Schenck
Charles derje
Barnadus Reide
Cornelius Wickhoff
Jacob bennitt
Jeromas vanderbilt
William fferdon
John van wickellen
Samuel Gronendick
Isaac Snediker
Peter Simson
Hendrick van Sudam
kort van Voierhuys
Jeromas Rapelje==== 52

II.

DEMENICAS VANDERVERE Captt
Philip Nagell Leff.
John Benham Ens
William Howard
Johannis Cornell
John Bennitt
hendrick keep
Jacob vander boog
Joseph hegeman
Johannis ditmarss
David Esubb
Cornelius pulhemus
Jacob pulhemus
Cornelius vandervere
John van der beltt
John Stryker
Johannis Janse
Abraham Loot
Johannis Ditmarss
Peter hagewoutt
Bartt vanderende
Adrejan hegeman
Class Simason
Simon Loise
Richard Beets
William van Borom
Charls van Borom
Elbartt hegeman
Evertt van wickellon
George Bloom
Jureen Probuscoo
Jacob Remson
Reinear reinearsee
Jacob Hagewoutt
Isaac hagewoutt
Aartt van derbilt
rem Adriaanse
Gerrett Adriaanse
John Lambertse
Harmanus Gisberse
Reinear ffollman
william vandune
Peter Luister
Peter Stryker==== 44

III.

AARTT VAN PELT Captt
Johannis Swartt Leff
Thomas fferdon Ens
Jacob van Sutfen
hindrick Janson
Andrew Emans
Barentt Bantt
Nicholas Lake
Benjamen Hulsart
Rutgartt van Brunitt
Tunis van peltt

John van peltt
hendrick Emans
Jaques Corteliau
Abraham van Sutfin
Johanis van Sutfin
Tiss Lane
Cherik van dick
John van peltt
Rutgart van Brunt
Jacob Swartt
Anthony Hulsartt
Okaa van nuies
John van nuies
Isaac van nues = 25

IV.

THOMAS STILLWELL Captt
Barent Johnson Leff.
Iffer. van Sekelen Ens.
Cornelius Boyes
Samuel poling
Elias hubbard
Thomas Craven
Benjamen Griggs
Daniel Griggs
Jacobus Emans
Daniel Lake
Cornelius Stryker
Iffer. van Sekellen
Tunis Gullyck
Nicholas williamson
Peter Willimse
Abraham morgan
Court Stevensin
John Ride
Johannis Emans
Samuel Griggs
Barnardus Verbrick
Simon van aarsdalen
Lauerence van Cleft
Stoffel van aarsdalen
Gerritt Verbrick
John Elbertson
Reinear van Sekellen
Gerritt Lambartse
John Walien = 30

V.

ROULIF TERHUNEN Capt
John Ameermon Leff.
Court van voorhies Ens.
John hanson
Marten Schenk
Oka van voorhies
William kowenhoven
Isaac amurmon
John van Sekellen
Jacob Amurmon
Daniel nortstrantt
Cornelius Monford
Jacob Monford
Evers van geldin
Roeluf Schenck
Roeluf van vourhies
Lucus van vourhies
Albart van vourhies
John van Aarsdalen
Meanu van vourhies
Albart van vourhies
Johannis Boyes
marten neves
Cornelius neves
Peter neves
hendrick van vourhies
Christofer Qubartus
John Brouwyer
Albartt terhunan
Peter van Voirhies = 30

VI.

FFRANCE TITUS Captt
ffredrik Simson Leff
Tunis wortman Ens.
Cornelius van Katt
John Missarole
Aren Anderson
Joras Isolius
Johannis Albertsin
Johannis van katt
Isaac Laquer
Peter Coljor
Peter Laquer
Isaac Loise
Abraham Laquer
David van katt
Charles Coenertt
Peter Conselje
Jacobus Cosine
Simon Derje
Andresse Andresin
Johannis Coljor
Garritt Sprong
John Sprong
Jacobus Coljor
Dirick Adrajanse
Johannis Bookhoutt = 26

VII.

DAVID AERSIN, Captt
Lambert van Sekols, Leff
Ewout Ewoutse, Ens.
Garritt proust
Lamburt Andresin
Jeromas Remsin
Hendrick Hendrickse
hendrick Vroom
Jacob Browyer
John midagh
William kowenhoven
Joseph hegeman
John Loran
Jacob Bennett
Isaec remsin
Jacob kason
John van Sekellen
Jacob van dewater
Simon Bogartt
John Johnsin
Isaac Johnsin
ffredrick Bargin
Isaac Sebring
ffredrick Blaw
haurey Blaw
Peter States
Garritt vanduine
William Vanduine
William fferden
William Bennitt

Simeon deburtt
Christofer Johnsón
Everadus Browyer
Tunis van Pelt
nicholas van dick
Thomas van dyck
John Petersin
Henry van dyck
Jacob van dyck
Sameon Lafoy

Gerritt van ranss
Abraham Ambramsin
George Bargin
George kowenhoven
Cornelius van dewater
Mathew van Dyck
Cornelius Ewoutse
Christofer Codellerse ==== 48

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